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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/822,828

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/10/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is the first Office Action on the merits of Application No. 10/822,828 filed on 04/12/04. Claims 1-6 are currently pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

- In line 4, "said engine shaft" should be changed to --an engine shaft--.
- In line 5, "the" should be deleted.
- In line 8, "the" should be deleted.
- In line 10, "said motor shaft" should be changed to --a motor shaft--.
- In line 13, "the" should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in the paragraph 2.

4. Claims 2-6 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a motivation to provide for a hybrid electric vehicle as defined by the limitations of claim 1; including an alternator, a direction switch, a motor having a speed switch, the motor being electrically connected to the alternator

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through the speed switch and the direction switch, and a motor control module for inverting direct current from a battery into poly-phase alternating current, converting alternating current from the alternator and the motor into direct current, and setting positions of the speed and direction switches.

Conclusion

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the claim objections set forth in the paragraph 2.
7. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.
8. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Cited Prior Art

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Robinson'432, Lee'333, Slaterry'472, Matsuura et al'066 and JP 8-66099 which each shows an induction motor with a speed switch. Frank'534 and Schmidt-Brucken'059 which each shows a hybrid vehicle.

Communication

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ha D. Ho whose telephone number is **571-272-7091**. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on **571-272-7095**.

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